

## Daily Eagle

### WOMAN AND HOME.

#### THE HEALTH-DESTROYING SYSTEM OF TEACHING IN OUR SCHOOLS.

Boarding Houses for Working Women. Novel Employment—Wakeful Babies. Old and Young—German Girls—Amusements—Vagaries of Fashion.

An anxious mother writes to know what course she shall pursue with her 9-year-old daughter who will do nothing but read and study, and whose health is suffering in consequence. The best thing is to send her off into the country, where she can get very little to read. If she studies too much, keep her out of school for a year or two. The whole system of teaching in our public schools is health-destroying. Mind and body both suffer. No girl should be graduated before she is 20 at least, and during that time she should not be allowed to enter society. As a rule girls begin to go into society at 15 and 16, and if not married at 20 or 22 are looked upon as old, and they are more or less satisfied with everything.

Girls should be kept in school much longer than they usually are. Teachers, from well-meant motives, endeavor to arouse ambition by holding constantly before scholars the disgrace of falling behind in their studies. Better do that, and it is by no means disgraceful, than to sacrifice health. People urge in favor of the public schools, that they send out boys and girls better prepared for colleges than any other schools. It may be true, but those who wish to study will do so with a little encouragement, anywhere. In many ways the public school system is admirable, but in the matter of health it is ruinous.

A well-known Cleveland physician said, not long since, that public school education had done more to cause disease of the brain, spine and eyes than any other one thing, and his opinion is but the opinion of many eminent physicians and surgeons. We could not do without our schools, but we could do with less elaboration in the courses, and we should insist on fewer studies and slower and more thorough work. From what "Anxious Mother" says, her daughter, loving books naturally, has been made more ambitious by the thoughtless words and taunts of her teachers, than the young brain and delicate body will stand, and the only remedy is complete rest, which can be had by taking the child from school for several years, and by change of scenery or by plentiful light and pleasant entertainment, thereby causing healthful reaction. —Cleveland Leader.

#### Boarding Houses for Working Women.

The increasing number of women who live by the higher employments in this city has led to the establishment of several large boarding houses on somewhat the same plan, though a more modest scale, than the luckless concern of A. T. Stewart, which is now the Park Avenue hotel. At these places you will find teachers, telegraphic operators and typewriters, artists with the brush and the needle, literary women and others who depend rather on their talents and accomplishments than on mere manual labor for support, congregated in one little, comfortable, pleasant, and well-kept boarding house, where the air of a matron in a public institution rather than a private person. The houses are governed by certain fixed rules, none of which seem to be at all oppressive, and have a very homelike and pleasant air. The rates of board are moderate, and the character of the inmates lends their home an air of great refinement and pleasant domesticity.

The first of these places that I remember in New York was in Mulberry or Mott street, and is, I think, now known as the Big Flats. It was intended as a hotel for working girls, but the rules were so exacting and the administration so rigid that even its economy and comfort failed to render it popular, and it was abandoned and the house handed over for tenement uses. For women above the condition of unskilled workers I do not believe any provision existed until the present special boarding house system came into being. They were commonly boarded together in garrets in the cheaper boarding houses, where they packed the rooms that better-to-do boarders scorned, or forced to live in lodgings and feed at restaurants, always at a greater cost than should have been necessary. A devoted woman without money to waste used to have a hard time of it looking for quarters in New York, and with all the provisions, intelligent private enterprise and larger public philanthropy have made for her she is still far worse off than any man. One of the good works of the Young Women's Christian association has been to encourage the creation of boarding houses for single women, a register of which is kept by the association for the direction of applicants. —Alfred Trumble in New York News.

#### Novel Employment For Women.

Some Philadelphia women have hit upon something novel in the way of occupation, surely. They call themselves, or are called, "lampers." The career of a lamp is a good deal like that of a steam engine or a trolley—it is not everybody that can attend to it properly and with judgment. A new occupation is open to women now that drawing rooms display as many as half a dozen lighted lamps by night, with corresponding care of wicks, chimneys, shades, filling, etc., by day, and when a smoky lamp is not only a nuisance but an indecency. The "lampers" take this care of the mistress of the house. She comes each morning, empties out the oil when it is getting thick, refills, trims the wick mathematically, without even touching steel to it, rubs the metal, polishes the shade and leaves chimneys and all immaculate. She goes from house to house in a neighborhood, and is fully worthy her weekly pay. In unskillful hands the new popular oil lamps are a great trouble, sometimes filling them is put off until after dark, when there is danger in bringing the oil can anywhere near the gas-light. When neither mistress of the house nor her servants are good at lamp care the skill of the professional can now be had for a very small sum for each visit. —Philadelphia Ledger.

#### The Old and the Young.

A man or woman of 50 who cannot make himself or herself agreeable to a girl of 18 is wanting in good breeding; on the other hand, equally lacking is a boy of 20 who cannot give pleasure to a man or woman of 60. But this good breeding can only be acquired by practice. Once acquired it communicates a peculiarly social exhilarating social enjoyment, as all will testify who have had the good fortune to be in the company of youth by the kindness of older people and in later years by the good will of younger people. And few conversations are more charming for the interlocutors themselves or for bystanders than those in which the young girl or young man just entering into life is led to awaken, by the gay audacities of his ignorance, the deeper thoughts of the man or woman just passing out of active life. The flame-like fancies of youth kindles the glowing imagination of experience, and in the interchange of ideas each for the moment seems to gain all the advantages of the other. Such conversations cannot be held at German nor at dinner, where most of the gentlemen have been busied with the stock market all day, nor at receptions, formal or informal, from which the young lady of the house is encouraged to exclude her father and mother, and the fathers and mothers of her friends. They only still linger around the fireside of pleasant home, where the habits of the house, old and young alike, are equally the friends of parents and children.

#### Why Men Don't Marry.

I say it boldly and without fear of contradiction, there is not a man living who is at all times proof against feminine fascinations, who has not, at some period in his life's history, indulged in the hope of realizing his dreams of domestic happiness, in which the face of some real or ideal woman shone forth as the guiding star to brighten his life. No man ever indulges in dreams of domestic happiness outside of his ideal home. The world is his at all times, in which to roam at his own sweet will. His experience teaches him that in all the world can offer there is nothing so sweet as the love which lives in the home, gives rest to the soul and that peace of mind which the world cannot give; his innermost soul craves for it, so satisfying is it in its tenderness. True love is the very mainstay of happiness, and no outward ruin can wreck the citadel where the immortal lives. Is it the fear of the failure to realize such happiness as this that keeps these dreamers from seeking it in marriage? The most inveterate club man, the bitterest scolder of "love in a cottage," are those men who failed, either from lack of confidence in their own power of persuasion or want of means in their youth, to win the one particular woman they worshipped as their ideal. Disappointment in love is one of the main causes of there being so many bachelors in the world. —New Orleans States.

#### Babies Who Are Wakeful.

A philanthropic physician has published a little pamphlet with timely suggestions concerning babies. Among other things he writes: "A sleep baby becomes tired of lying in one position and wants to be turned upon his side or stomach, or wants the warm pillow turned, or one of his garments loosened, or his eyes turned from the light, or a noisy fly disposed of, or a mother's lullaby sung again, or to be left alone; but not he has made himself heard and something must be done. Up he comes, to nurse most likely; or, with too much covering over him before, all is taken off but his garments, and he is rushed about the room, bounced up and down before an open window, or half uncovered for hours to five minutes to be changed. How can the little one do else than take cold? This picture is not overdrawn. Do we not all know babies who are wakeful at night, and because they cry are nursed or fed with catnip tea or sugar and water until their poor little stomachs ache from the distension by unnecessary liquids? These same babies only need a change of position, and when this is given them they drop asleep peacefully. —New York Commercial Advertiser.

#### Amusements for the Young.

There is not a country village in the land where the young people cannot have rational amusements if they will. A dramatic club will furnish infinite amusement for a whole winter; a singing school is still possible in country places, though a conservatory of music may be unattainable; a whist club will flourish anywhere, and there are few places where dancing may not be had at slight expense. Reading circles cost nothing, and may be started by any half dozen young people anywhere, and be profitable as well as pleasant. Schoolboys should have a debating society, no matter on how small a scale, and old-fashioned spelling schools are by no means to be despised in many places where there is a dearth of amusements for the young. Some excuse for congregating together is the main thing; the young people can be trusted to enjoy themselves if only this opportunity is offered. Simple and costless pleasures, these are the desirable thing, and they can be compassed by all if there is the right disposition in regard to the matter. —Hattie Tyng Griswold.

#### German Girls as Wives.

There is less difficulty in German girls of the middle class finding suitable partners for life than is the case in the same class in England. German girls, as a matter of course, take their share in household work; this does not prevent their being frequently very accomplished, often excellent musicians, but it does prevent a great deal of restlessness and vague discontent. A young man, who marries in that class knows that he may reasonably expect his bride to be a good housewife. If he is in the upper middle class, for instance a shopkeeper, his wife often keeps the accounts of the shop. I have wondered at the close attention to business details shown by women who might have expected to be spared such exertions; but I was assured they preferred to be thus occupied, partly in order to save for their children. It seemed to me that the master and mistress in most shops were on friendly terms with their assistants, who were permitted to rest at intervals during the day in a room behind the shop. —National Review.

#### Beautiful Souls.

Beauty attracts the eye at first; but after you come to know people very intimately you do not know whether they are pretty or not. Their ways make an impression on you, but not their noses and ears, their eyes and mouths. In time the soul expresses itself to you, and it is that which you see. A man who has been married twenty years hardly knows what his wife looks like. He may think he does, and tell you she is a bewitching little brunette long after she has reached middle life, because the image of his early love is in his heart, and he doesn't see her as she is to-day. Or, being an indifferent husband, he may not know she is the fine woman that other people think her. You have known men who have married the plainest women, and think them beautiful; and you know beauties who are quite thrown away on men who value a wife for her success as a cook. —Philadelphia Call.

#### Mrs. Kate Chase's Children.

"Do you intend to reside permanently in France?" Mrs. Kate Chase was asked by a correspondent. "Oh, dear, no," she replied. "I love my country, its people and institutions. I do not live in Paris. I wish to be retired and secluded. In that world of Parisian life I take no interest. Gayety in fashionable life I do not enjoy. I have my children to care for and enjoy. My wish is to bring them up to be accomplished, educated, and good women, an honor to themselves and to American womanhood. That is a woman's sphere in life. I have much happiness there with my children, but I shall return to my native land before very long. I feel an exile in France." —Philadelphia Times.

#### Twining Her Tresses.

Never before since nature went unadorned has it been possible for a woman to so completely suit her own taste in the shape of her head and the style of her face. Every possible way that soft and pretty hair can be twisted it is twisted. And some of the ways are pretty as need to be.

#### Once in a while there is a girl who can

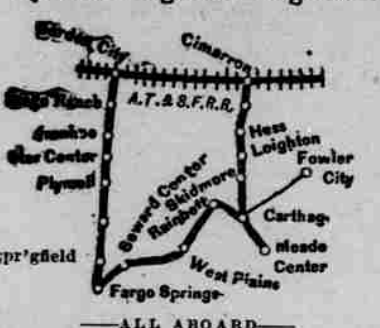
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Prussia's Gain and Loss. During the last year 4,000 foreigners have been naturalized in Prussia. Thirty-eight thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight Prussians emigrated during the same period, however. —New York Tribune.

#### An Actor's Idea.

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